

JAPANESE MUSS IS AVERED BY SENATE ACTION

Joint Conference Report
on Immigration Bill
Adopted.

Session Enlivened by
Sharp Exchange of
Personal Opinions.

Following another entire day of debate, the Senate by a viva voce vote adopted the report of the joint conference on the immigration bill late yesterday afternoon. A test vote of 45 to 21 had previously been taken. The report as adopted contains the much-discussed passport provision under the terms of which the President has the authority to exclude Japanese coolies from entering the United States by way of the insular possessions, the Canal Zone or foreign countries.

It is expected the House will follow the lead of the Senate without delay and that the report of the conference will be adopted in that body Monday. For the present, this action of Congress will in all probability settle the controversy with Japan, as Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco school board have given the President to understand that when the immigration bill is enacted the obnoxious segregation order respecting the San Francisco schools will be so modified as to meet the wishes of the Japanese.

Japan Not Thoroughly Satisfied.

To all appearances, the solution afforded by the passport provision of the immigration bill has averted a highly dangerous international disagreement. There is still one element of difficulty in the situation, even though this country has practically done its part toward an adjustment. Dispatches from Tokyo say the Japanese public is much displeased over the proposed arrangement and that there is a possibility the Japanese government will not endorse this arrangement.

In Washington, the belief is the President and Secretary Root have reassured the Japanese government, and that the Administration feels confident that government will earnestly join with it in carrying out the plan which the Senate sanctioned yesterday.

Test Vote on Party Lines.

The conference report was not adopted without a test vote on almost strictly party lines. The test was caused by an amendment offered by Senator Culberson of Texas instructing the conferees to bring in a report providing for general exclusion of Japanese coolies and laborers. Senator Lodge raised a point of order against this and Vice President Fairbanks sustained it. Senator Carmack appealed from the decision of the Chair and Senator Lodge moved to lay the appeal on the table. The yeas and nays were called for and the motion to table was carried by 45 to 21.

A most interesting feature of the day's debate was that although the Administration desired that the proceedings in Congress should be such as not to offend the sensitiveness of Japan, the Democratic Senators kept the Japanese issue to the front. Senators Tillman, Bacon, Culberson, and Dubois repeatedly referred to the Japanese issue.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, opened the debate shortly after the close of routine morning business. This was about 1 o'clock. It was about 5:30 before a final vote was reached.

Tillman and Hale Clash.

It was in the midst of the afternoon's debate that Senator Tillman had a clash with Senator Hale of Maine. The Maine Senator was much offended at remarks of the "pitchfork" statesman. Senator Tillman was proceeding to score the Republican Senators for changing front since the rate bill conference report of last session on the subject of what might go into a conference report. He singled out Senator Hale and read remarks of that Senator as found in last session's Record, in which he strongly opposed introduction of new legislation into the conference report on the rate bill. Senator Tillman prodded Senator Hale vigorously. He read his remarks to the effect that a conference committee was not a legislative body, and that dangerous and disastrous results would follow if such a committee were given undue latitude.

Senator Hale was answered by Senator Tillman's remarks to protest that he had said nothing to warrant the Senator's remarks. Senator Tillman retorted that Senator Hale had given him to understand in the cloakroom what course he would take. This led Senator Hale to make vigorous objection to retelling private conversation on the floor and for some minutes there was a tense and dramatic situation.

Western Senators United.

Sensors Carter, Lodge, Stone, Culberson, Flint, Perkins, Beveridge, and Clark all spoke. The Western men were united in picturing the menace of an Oriental invasion as serious. The Democrats thought it ought to be directly and more frankly dealt with; the Republicans urged that the proposal of the conference committee meet the necessary conditions of a conference, and therefore, that it ought to be ratified. A laugh went around the chamber and galleries when Patterson of Colorado had read a telegram from his State, complaining that if the supply of cheap labor be excluded, it would ruin the beet sugar industry. The devoted sugar beet has served so many purposes, and been sacrificed for so many sins of politics, that offering it as a vicarious sacrifice in the cause of peace with Japan was too much for the gravity of the Senate.

Senator Carmack's Remarks.

Senator Carmack was at his best when he rose for a moments' exhortation of the Administration. His adjectives flowed with unforced ease and rhythm even for him. "I fully agree with the criticism of the report," he said. "Its purport is plainly that a foreign power has brow-beaten the United States into forcing a State to surrender its sovereign right to control its domestic affairs. Toward California, the Administration has been harsh, truculent, and offensive; toward Japan it has been cringing, obsequious, and almost pusillanimous."

"Speak soft, and carry a big stick," is a favorite motto of our President. Apparently his application of it is to speak soft to foreign nations, and carry the big stick for home people."

Senator Newlands was no less bitter in criticism of the President.

WE WERE LAST TO LEAVE SHIP, SWEARS McVEY

Captain in Solemn Statement Denies Charges of Larchmont Survivors.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Feb. 16.—Capt. George W. McVey, of the steamer Larchmont, has made the following sworn statement to the local steamboat inspectors in this city, which was received today:

"The Larchmont left Providence February 11, at 7 p. m., thirteen minutes behind her regular time. The wind was fourteen miles and blowing from the northwest. The boat was in proper condition, and had on board a full complement of the crew, and all were at their posts of duty. I was on duty with First Pilot Anson, Second Pilot William Staples, and Moreland. Proceeding to Sabine Point, Pilot Anson took charge with Quartermaster Staples at the wheel. Pilot William and Moreland were below, off watch, and I proceeded below to see that the passengers and the freight were properly taken care of and that everything was in order."

Went to His Room.

"I then went to the purser's office, and at 10:30 to the upper deck to my room to attend to other matters. The night was clear, but dark. The wind was at a gale and the water rough. The lights were burning and everything in first-class condition."

"As I reach my room I heard a shout, and repeated blasts of the alarm whistled. I jumped to the pilot house. Mr. Anson was there trying to steer the Larchmont to starboard. Our port side was close to the schooner, which was heading directly toward the Larchmont. The schooner struck the Larchmont at right angles forward amidships. The boats were enveloped in steam, and every one panic-stricken except the crew. I ordered everybody to their stations, as I realized that the boat was in a sinking condition. The pilot and quartermaster immediately notified me that the boat was in a sink or swim, and I think, told me that the engineer and I rang the bell to the engineer to start the boat ahead, but could get no answer, so I went to the deck to superintend and see that the boat was in order, and the only way to save us was to lower the boat and go around to the other side of the schooner. This I proceeded about. The only ones in my boat were those inside of the vessel, and those who got in from the paddle box. Those in the boat were George McVey, master; Oscar Young, purser; Mr. Staples, quartermaster; two waiters, Mr. McFarland and Van, and two firemen, names unknown. These were the only persons on the deck of the vessel."

"I saw the lights of the Larchmont go out soon after my boat was lowered. The weather was so cold it was impossible to do anything but drift with the wind. So far as my personal knowledge goes my boat was the last to leave the ship, and I used every endeavor, unsuccessfully to find any one to rescue."

"The collision occurred at 10:50, and our boat drifted ashore on Block Island at 6:30 a. m., February 12. All in my boat were in a terrible condition."

"It was reported to me as I recollect that one boat from the Larchmont had gone ashore on Block Island before us, and that four life boats and one life raft came ashore after us."

"The Larchmont sank out of sight in twelve minutes after the collision. The Larchmont's boats were all in proper condition and the ship was in good order. From the time the Larchmont's alarm whistle blew until my boat drifted ashore on Block Island I did everything possible to preserve discipline and save lives."

"The statement is sworn to before a notary and signed by Capt. McVey. Supervising Inspector George H. Thier is in the city conferring with the local inspectors, who are satisfied that everything about the boat was in good order. The statement of Captain McVey is the only one received and the statements of the others and of such survivors as can testify will be taken to Providence as soon as possible."

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